



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, January 25, 2010

City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street  
Rowlett, TX

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**Present:** Bobbie Jo Kelly, Susan Turek, Clarence James, Jerome Grossie, Bonnie Patterson, Mavis Graham

**Absent:** Bob Landrum; Fred Cares

**Staff:** Jermel Stevenson, Parks & Recreation Director; Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant

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1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 am
2. The new Director of Parks and Recreation, Jermel Stevenson, CPRP was introduced and shared his background with the Board.
3. A quorum was present.
4. The minutes from the November 16, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Susan Turek that was seconded by Bonnie Patterson.
5. The presentation by Margo Neilsen of Helping Hands Organization in Rockwall was tabled until February following a motion by Susan Turek that was seconded by Clarence James. Bonnie Patterson did share the following: Helping Hands in Rockwall helps with a Food Bank, Workforce, Medical facility for shots, WIC; Thrift store; Funds through United Way for helping people in trauma; They can also help with utility bills on short term basis, pro bono lawyers. They have been taking the overflow from Rowlett, but we need a facility here. They use volunteers, and this would be a great Community Service opportunity. Volunteers are screened. The manager for Thrift Store and perhaps 2 other people would be paid employees. Bi-lingual workers are needed.
6. Review Board goals for 2010.  
Bonnie brought calendars from other senior centers. Susan said Pot luck dinners should have entertainment to make them more social.
7. Report from the subcommittee on the Senior Health Fair planned for April 6, 2010.  
Susan gave the report for the subcommittee. (See attached) Vendors are being solicited by members of the subcommittee, and a vendor letter will be printed for use by the board members in this effort.

8. Report on potential Creative Writing class for seniors.  
This class can be taught at no charge for 4 weeks during the month of June for 1-1/2 hours once a week starting 10-15 people. Dianne will check on room availability.
9. The Chair appointed a subcommittee to plan short computer classes for Seniors on various topics.  
One shot computer classes will be taught by Bob Landrum and Larry Beckham. EBay, Ancestry.Com; photo editing, etc. will be taught in either the meeting room at Library or at the Community Centre.
10. The Senior budget report was presented to the Board. Jermel will break down this report for more clarity at future meetings.
11. The Senior Survey was discussed, and staff will clarify how the City Manager wanted it sent out. Mobility questions need to be added. A suggestion was made to send it in the water bill so it reaches renter seniors too. Jermel will check on revisions and to whom it is mailed. Bobbie Jo asked Jermel to meet with SCOR to explain how or if they can use the city facilities.
12. Economic Development update on Senior Housing.  
A senior housing complex is being proposed by a developer on Rowlett Road just north of Miller Road. It will have three stories and will be rental units.
13. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. Members of the board or commission may neither discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.
14. Members of the board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.
15. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

  
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Jermel Stevenson

Parks and Recreation, Director

  
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Senior Advisory Board Chair